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1. Military Unit: There is one reinforced infantry battalion in Split. It is well armed and equipped with excellent light arms. It has submachine guns and American and British machine guns, few Russian guns. The local commander is a Captain. The Port Captain is on the Staly Nova Obala formerly known as Riva Veneta. In the Grippi Barracks, formerly called Roma, is a powder magazine for small arms.
2. Navy: The High Command of the Yugoslav Navy is located in the former palace of the Prefect. The Commander is Vice Admiral Cerni; second in command is Vice Admiral Manola. There is one battalion of sailors in Split who do guard duty; they are well-armed with light weapons. There is a patrol flotilla of 10 boats which is on continual reconnaissance. Two of them are Italian boats, the other eight are American boats. They are in good condition, very fast - 40 nautical miles, and armed. There are no radar stations on land. Radar stations have been mounted on board the largest merchant marine boats, the "RADNIK" and the "PARTISANKA". There is a small radio station located on Monte Marjan about Split.
3. Gasoline Depots: The San Cajo, formerly AGIP, gasoline depot is not used although it was not damaged by aid raids. Since the Cominform rift no gasoline has arrived from Albania or other Yugoslav centers. Consequently, all courier services have been suspended except two which serve localities not serviced by railroads or boats. On 28 August a tanker unloaded at Fiume.
4. Port of Split: The port is in good condition. The beacons operate as usual. Whereas the lighthouse formerly used a ray light, now it sends intermittent flashes. All the piers and docks have been repaired except one at San Dojmo which is about to be completed. All the banks which had been damaged by air raids and by German mines have been restored. The San Dojmo pier has two cranes and four ponton rafts, of which one is used to lift 50-ton loads. There is also a squad of deep sea divers in full working efficiency engaged in salvaging sunken ships. Four boats have been salvaged. One of these is the former "GODODE" which was re-named "ZAGREB" and now has been christened anew, "DALMATIA". It is assigned to the Fiume-Dubrovnik service.
5. Railway Lines: In general all the Dalmatian and Croatian railway lines have been restored. The tracks have been replaced, the bridges rebuilt and the

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stations repaired. The Split repair shops function normally. The Salona-Sinj narrow gauge road has also been restored. Almost all the equipment is Italian.

6. Mine Fields: Safety routes must be followed near the coast because there are numerous mine fields which have not been removed. These mine fields extend from Lussin Piccolo to Fiume (see attached sketch).
7. The Island of Lissa: In addition to the old Yugoslav and Italian defensive works, the partisans with the aid of the Anglo-Americans increased the island's defenses during the war. It is a veritable fortress today. The airfield has been repaired, and now bases seven or eight Spitfires and pursuit planes.
8. Island of Brazza: On Cape St. Martin of the Island of Brazza as well as at Kotor, the Italian fortifications were never dismantled. They have been reinforced.
9. Industry: St San Cajo a synthetic rubber plant is being built. It is called the Jugovinil Firm. The building construction is almost completed.
10. Klissa Fort: The restored Klissa Fort dominates Split and the pass to the heights above. One infantry company is garrisoned there.

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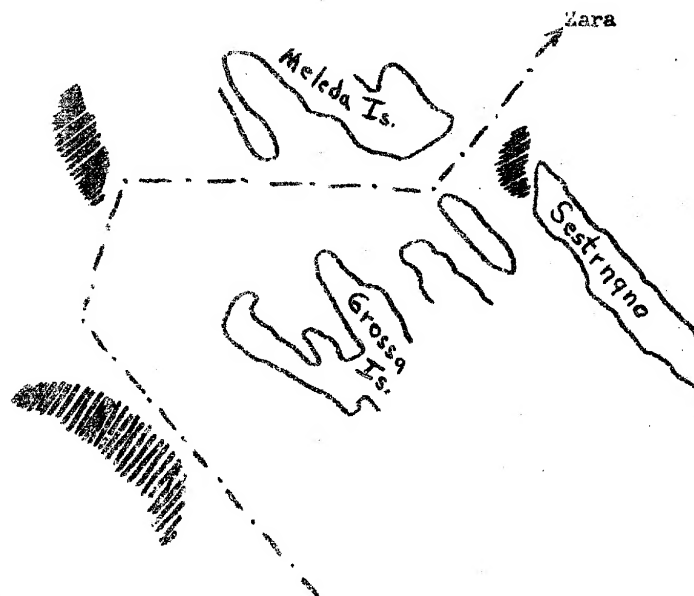
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Legend:

--- Safety route

/// Location of Minefields

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